

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 SAPPOR 00002 080653Z

21

ACTION EA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01 INR-07 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 OMB-01 SCCT-01 SY-04 USSS-00 /061 W

----- 088218

R 080200Z JAN 75

FM AMCONSULATE SAPPORO

TO SECSTATE WASH DC 264

INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMCONSUL FUKUOKA

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAPPORO 02

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASAF, ASEC

SUBJECT: CONVICTION AND SENTENCING OF ASSAILANT OF SAPPORO  
CONSULATE

REF: TOKYO 10421

1. KAZUO SHIGA, THE 23 YEAR OLD EX SELF DEFENSE FORCES  
MEMBER WHO THREW AN INCENDIARY DEVICE AGAINST THE BACK  
ENTRANCE OF THE CONSULATE ON AUGUST 9TH, WAS SENTENCED  
IN SAPPORO DISTRICT COURT ON DECEMBER 17 TO THREE AND A  
HALF YEARS IMPRISONMENT. ALTHOUGH THE DEFENDANT WAS  
CHARGED WITH FOUR COUNTS, INCLUDING TRESPASSING,  
ATTEMPTED ARSON, POSSESSION OF INCENDIARY WEAPONS, AND  
POSSESSION OF AN EDGED WEAPON, THE PRESIDING JUDGE

PAGE 2 RUADREB0030 C O N F I D E N T I A L

REJECTED THE PROSECUTION'S REQUEST FOR A FIVE YEAR  
SENTENCE. A COURT OFFICIAL INFORMED CONSULATE  
THAT THIS WAS BECAUSE THE DEFENDANT'S MENTAL CONDITION  
WAS VIEWED BY COURT OFFICIALS AS UNSTABLE. THIS CONFIRMS  
EARLIER IMPRESSIONS GAINED FROM NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS, I.E.,  
THAT THE DEFENDANT WAS AN ADMIRER OF MAO AND MISHIMA, AND  
WISHED TO DO SOMETHING HEROIC.

2. THE DEFENDANT IS APPEALING THE VERDICT, AND THE  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 SAPPOR 00002 080653Z

COURT RECORDS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. THE

DEFENDANT WORKED ALONE AND APPARENTLY WAS MOTIVATED BY  
NOTHING MORE THAN HIS OWN JUMBLED POLITICAL THOUGHTS.

3. THE CONSULATE HAD ONLY MINIMAL CONTACT WITH THE  
PROSECUTION CONCERNING THIS CASE. THIS CONSISTED OF  
OUR AGREEMENT THAT, IF NECESSARY, WE WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THAT  
WE HAD REQUESTED POLICE INVESTIGATION AND PERMITTED COLLECTION  
OF EVIDENCE FROM CONSULAR PREMISES. THIS WAS NOT REQUESTED.

ECTON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** TRIALS, TERRORISTS, COURT DECISIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 08 JAN 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975SAPPOR00002  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750007-0240  
**From:** SAPPORO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750169/aaaaciof.tel  
**Line Count:** 69  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 75 TOKYO 10421  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 15 JUL 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <15 JUL 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <16 JUL 2003 by GolinoFR>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** CONVICTION AND SENTENCING OF ASSAILANT OF SAPPORO CONSULATE  
**TAGS:** ASAF, ASEC, PINS, JA, (SHIGA, KAZUO)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006